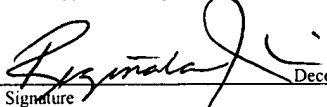


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Sir:

This paper is responsive to the Office Action dated December 2, 2004 having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on March 2, 2005. Reconsideration, entry of the amendment and continued examination are respectfully requested in light of the proposed amendments and remarks below.

Please amend the application as follows: